Given the unprecedented growth of media corporations over the last decade, it is astounding to hear Michael Powell say, "the oppressor here is regulation."

To deny the inevitable abuses of cross-ownership is to utterly ignore the public interest, or worse, to wantonly subvert it. If we value even slightly the quality of information available to the citizenry, if we have any respect for impartial, balanced news in print, we must not remove the cross-ownership ban.